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SUBJECT: AU SUMMIT: A/S CARSON'S MEETING WITH SOMALI PRESIDENT SHEIKH SHARIF TRIPOLI 00000561 001.2 OF 002 CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambass

1. (C) Summary: Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Johnnie Carson and Somali President Sheikh Sharif met July 1 on the margins of the Afr

12. (C) A/S Carson opened by telling President Sharif that the Secretary was pleased to have had a telephone conversation with the Somali Presi

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13. (C) President Sharif, who was accompanied by Somalia Transitional Federal Government (TFG) Foreign Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Omaar and Chi

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14. (C) Somalia's population is terrorized by al-Shabaab, Sharif continued. Somalis cannot speak freely, and those who do are tortured, maimed,

15. (C) Carson reviewed with Sharif recent USG assistance to the TFG, including \$1.5 million in cash and substantial quantities of military equ

16. A/S Carson also applauded Sharif for issuing strong public TRIPOLI 00000561 002.2 OF 002 statements about his determination to keep fightir

17. (C) If the TFG can ensure stability, the USG is prepared to further support the government's efforts to provide services, such as educatio

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18. (C) The Somali President returned to the issue of al-Qaida's role in Somalia. The number of foreign fighters is "not insignificant" and the

19. (C) A/S Carson noted that other African countries had shown hesitancy about committing troops to AMISOM. Uganda was prepared to send more t

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110. (C) President Sharif and his aides requested USG intervention with the Emir of Qatar to persuade him to stop playing a negative role in Sc

111. (C) The meeting concluded with President Sharif's request for a brief meeting with POTUS on the margins of the next UNGA session in Septem